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Technical Objective:

The objective of the third workshop was to facilitate the advancement of the state of knowledge on the behavior of nonlinear ocean structures under stochastic excitation. The emphasis of the workshop was on the response characteristics of significance for reliability analysis. The workshop would provide a forum for: (1) ONR supported researchers under the program on "Reliability of Nonlinear Ocean Structures Under Stochastic Excitation" and experienced Navy personnel to hold discussions and exchange ideas on current Naval needs and new research ideas and directions; and (2) the coordination of research efforts among physics, mathematical sciences, and engineering researchers under the program to achieve cross-field synergistic effects.

Approach:

The approach was to hold a workshop to provide a forum for the PI's and related personnel in the reliability program. Specifically, all ONR PI's directly supported under the program, other ONR supported PI's on related research topics, and personnel from various Naval centers including ONR, David Taylor Model Basin, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Naval Sea Systems Command, and Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center were invited to participate. A combined list of participants of the first and second workshops is provided in the Appendix.

Accomplishment: A successful workshop was held on 24-25 July 1995. PI's in mathematics, physical sciences, and engineering directly supported under the program gave presentations of their research progress and discussed their specific approaches and plans for the immediate year. ONR and other Navy personnel presented state-of-the-art theoretical and practical procedures for analysis and design of naval systems and immediate research needs for their reliability analysis. A general discussion session was held immediately after the presentations on the second day. Focus of the discussion was on naval systems modeled as stochastic differential equations with excitations that were non-Gaussian processes describing wind, wave, and current effects. The two-day workshop achieved its goals of facilitating technical knowledge exchange and the fine-tuning of the research focuses of the individual PI's in the program. A proposal for continuing the workshop in 1996 is being planned by a joint committee involving members from several universities to continue the exchange of ideas and update research progress among all the current participants as well as other national and international researchers interested in the subject.

Appendix:

**COMBINED LIST OF FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD WORKSHOP
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